(d) if so, the clarifications from DCGI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Intermediates, which are not covered within the definition of drugs under Section 3 (b) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and meant for manufacture of bulk drugs do not require Registration under he Notification No. GSR 604(E) dated 24-8-2001.

(b) A drug even if used as a raw material for the manufacture of other drugs requires registration under the new regulation. However, registration requirements are considered on the basis of the nature of the product.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination.

Spurious Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines

2736. SHRI AMAR SINGH :

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that it is not Allopathic drugs atone that have spurious competition but spurious Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani medicines are also available in plenty;

(b) if so, the number of persons, dealing in production and distribution of spurious Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani medicines, arrested during the last two years; and

(c) the number of persons, who were involved in the smuggling of spurious drugs to various countries, arrested during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

AIDS control legislation

2737. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to enact a legislation to promote AIDS control in the country;

(b) whether any proposal has been mooted by Government on this; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy states that the Government will strengthen anti-discrimination and other protective laws that protect vulnerable groups, people living with HIV/AIDS and people living with disabilities from discrimination in both the private and public sectors. Deliberation with the diverse stakeholders are underway to develop a framework for comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Availability of medical facilities

†2738. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the present status of availability of essential medical facilities in the various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State;

(c) whether Government have formulated any National Plan to bring improvement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the annual expenditure earmarked under the plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Health being a state subject, State Governments are primarily responsible for providing medical facilities. While in urban areas, health facilities are provided through sub-divisional and district hospitals/tertiary level hospitals/medical colleges and institutions, a comprehensive network of rural health infrastructure has also been set up. Availability of rural health infrastructure in different states is assessed against norms formulated for establishment of such primary infrastructure. Statement showing state-wise position of shortfall in health infrastructure as per 1991 population is enclosed. (See below)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.